

The 4th power of a viable democracy is the media....why is the FCC trying to destroy our democracy by its consolidations which limit free speech??????? Is the money worth it? Or is it power or is it simply to feel you are accepted in the "right club"?

Please respect free speech and do not muddy the waves with this obvious political ploy.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.